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SUBJECT: DUTCH COMMENTS ON SECRETARY'S TORTURE INITIATIVE

1. DUTCH DEL IN THIRD COMMITTEE SPOKE TO USUN OFFICER IN REGARD TO U.S. DRAFT RES. ON TORTURE. IN PARTICULAR, HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT JOINING DRAFT DECLARATION AND WORKING GROUP IN ONE RESOLUTION. HIS ARGUMENTS AGAINST THIS WERE: (1) THE DRAFT DECLARATION COULD AND SHOULD BE ADOPTED FROM THE REPORT OF THE CRIME CONGRESS WITHOUT CO-SPONSORSHIP BY ANY DELEGATIONS; (2) FOR THE U.S. TO INTRODUCE THIS RESOLUTION MIGHT BOTHER CERTAIN DELEGATIONS WHO HAD WORKED ON THE DRAFT DECLARATION IN THE PAST; AND, (3) IT WAS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THE DRAFT DECLARATION ADOPTED FIRST AND ONLY THEN DEAL WITH THE REQUEST FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP.

2. USDEL RESPONDED THAT THESE CONSIDERATIONS WOULD BE FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT, BUT DUTCH REP WAS INFORMED THAT DECISION TO JOIN DECLARATION AND WORKING GROUP IN ONE RESOLUTION HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE AND WAS NOT LIKELY TO BE CHANGED.

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3. COMMENT: NETHERLANDS DELEGATE'S VIEWS ARE, AT

LEAST IN PART, A REFLECTION DUTCH ARMOUR PROPRE ON
THIS SUBJECT SINCE THEY CONSIDER THEY HAVE A
PROPRIETARY INTEREST IN THE TORTURE ITEM. FROM U.S.
STANDPOINT, COMBINING DRAFT DECLARATION AND WORKING
GROUP PROPOSAL IN ONE TEXT ENHANCES CHANCES FOR
SUCCESS.
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